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Serial No.: 10/656,908	)	Art Unit: TBA
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Title: RECLINING VEHICLE SEAT HINGE	)	
ASSEMBLY	)	

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It is respectfully requested that each of the documents shown on the attached form PTO-1449 be made of record in this application.

Early examination and allowance of the present application are respectfully solicited.

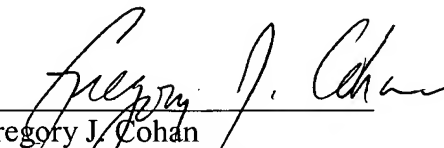
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## U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

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	AA	6,561,585	05/13/2003	Cilliere et al.			
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## FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

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## OTHER DOCUMENTS (including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, etc.)

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